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## CIA Quizzing Protested

Central Intelligence Agency is quizzing U. S. scientists who visit Russia or talk with Soviet scientists. And some of our scientists don't like it.

Biologist Patrick D. Wall of Massachusetts Institute of Technology protests in the Journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; says CIA questioning will cause mistrust and suspicion, will end "freedom of communication between scientists."

Mr. Wall argues that if CIA doesn't stop pumping U. S. scientists about Soviet contacts, Russian experts will regard our people as Government agents—and clam up.

He insists CIA should depend on scientists working for the Government for such information; should quiz non-Government scientists only when this source is exhausted. **AND HE URGES SCIENTISTS TO DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT CIA INTENDS TO DO WITH THE INFORMATION.**

Mr. Wall's protest has drawn a sharp rejoinder from Sidney G. Kingsley, Atomic Energy Commission attorney. CIA, he says, could get the information it wants from students or colleagues to whom scientists speak, or by reading his works—so why not get it direct?

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